



# COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE

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B-25 model hanging mounted above the O'Club doors.



New attraction for the hangar - WWII Half-Track with Anti-Aircraft Quad 50's.



Jim & Bob working on a wing. Three months ago the wing was a box of sticks. Nicely done!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 11** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- March 18** St. Patrick Day's Celebration & Awards Banquet
- April 8** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- May 13** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- May 20** Peru, IL TBM
- May 20** Kankakee, IL B25
- May 26-28** Memphis, Tennessee B25, TBM, L3
- June 3** \* Lake of the Ozarks, MO TBM
- June 10** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- June 10-11** Scott AFB, IL B25, TBM, L3
- June 17-18** Indianapolis IN B-25, TBM, L3
- June 24-25** Excelsior Springs, MO B25, TBM, L3
- July 2-4** Eureka, MO B25, TBM
- July 8** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- August 11** Louisville, KY B-25, TBM
- August 12** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- Sept 9-10** Joplin, MO B25, TBM, L3
- Sept 9** General Meeting - 1:30 pm
- Sept 22-23** Camdenton, MO B-25
- Sept 30-31** Beech River, TN B25, TBM, L3
- Oct 13-15** \* Dallas, TX



\* Tentative Events

**Saturday**  
**FEBRUARY**  
**11**  
**General Meeting**  
**1:30 pm**

## WING LEADER'S REPORT



As you all are aware that for the third straight year we had weather on the day of our Annual Christmas Dinner and Award Banquet. However this was the first where we actually cancelled it as is ice is nothing I want to play with. Next year we might have to rethink that early January date as it likes to create issues for us. But that is next year, let's talk about this year. The rescheduled date is for **March 18** and will now officially be known as the **St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Awards Banquet!** This will give all those that were not able to come to the January event the opportunity to join us.

Winter is that season of every year at the Wing where there is plenty to do on the annuals for the airplanes but not a lot going on for the non-mechanically inclined members. However, with the spring coming there are a number of projects that will be coming up where you can come out and help the Wing. The Museum Project is getting underway as the new cataloging and item coding has been determined. This was a major step that needed to be hammered out first before we can start the physical projects of rebuilding/structuring displays and themes. A special thanks goes out to Col. Jack Seeman, Bob Kalal, Gerry Spavale and Dave Ellis for getting behind this portion of the project. This is no small endeavor so if you have a desire to help us preserve, catalog and share these artifacts please let us know!

You are going to start seeing the dates for this year's airshow season show up and I am starting to be asked about signing up. We will not be using SignUpGenius.com this year as Col. Matt Conrad was able to take over the website and has the functionality built for everything to be done within our own system. This last weekend saw the completion and testing of one of the final stages and we will be introducing this at the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. For those that are not able to attend we will be sending out an email after.

Communications: You would think that with 168 hours a week I would be able to find enough time to send out the weekly emails. I seem to always be able to stay on top of them early in the season but as the year goes on I seem to fade. The current layout that I have tends to take me a few hours and I will again make the commitment to try and do better this coming year.

To summarize the coming events: **February Meeting** is the **11<sup>th</sup>**. March Meeting is now our renamed "**St Patrick's Day Celebration and Awards Banquet**" and will be on **March 18<sup>th</sup>**. (additional details to follow) I am going to do my best to get us back on the Second Saturday Meeting Structure!!!

That is all,  
CAF Col. Bob Lawrence



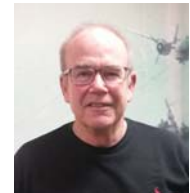
A surprise visit from Santa brought Christmas cheer to Smartt Field.

## NEW MISSOURI WING MEMBERS OF 2016

Bob Kressin, Mascoutah, IL  
Mike Marsoobian, Warrenton, MO  
Mike Bond, Coldwater, MS  
Mike Young, Maplewood, MO  
Tom Wagoner Jr, St. Charles, MO  
W. Gary Gates, Omaha, NE  
Doug Rosendaal, Mason City, IA  
Mary Wirtel, St. Louis, MO  
Elliot Abel, Terra Haute, IN  
Marianne Abel, Terra Haute, IN  
Landon Freeman, St. Louis, MO  
Bob Robinson, Shawnee, KS  
David M. Ellis Elsberry, MO  
Michael Tipton, Caruthersville, MO  
John Christopher Berger, Crestwood, MO  
Larry E Barnes Jr, Creve Coeur, MO  
Mitchell Liberman, High Ridge, MO  
Daniel Hartman II, St. Charles, MO  
Joseph Vera Martinez, St. Peters, MO  
John Hermannes, St. Peters, MO  
Michael Metzger, Farmington, MO  
Marilyn Bush, MO  
Brandon Abel, Bedford, MA  
Dan Desko, Kansas City, KS  
Charles Finnegan, St. Louis, MO  
Stephan Costello, St. Louis, MO  
Thomas Rohr, St. Joseph, MO  
Patrick Harris (Cadet), Ballwin, MO  
Kevin M. Harris, assocmbr, Ballwin, MO  
Christopher Orf, St. Peters, MO  
Stanley A Schultz, St. Louis, MO  
Roger H Kingsborough, Creve Coeur, MO  
Edward Buckles, Mechanicsburg, IL  
Dewey "Rick" Bell, Shalimar, FL.



## NEW MEMBER



Bruce Kreycik

I spent 23 years in the Air Force, during which time I was a navigator on the B-52 and the B-1B and held a variety of logistics group positions. After that I spent almost 15 years at Boeing in business development. My wife Margo and I have been married for 44 years and have a daughter and son, both married, and between them we have 3 young grandsons. I am excited to join, look forward to getting to know everyone and to find the best way to contribute to such a great organization.

Thanks,  
Bruce Kreycik



## 2017 GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Second Saturday of the Month  
Meetings start at 1:30pm

(with the exception of March -  
St. Patrick Day's Celebration & Awards Banquet - more info to come)



# MISSOURI HISTORICAL AVIATION SOCIETY 2017 KICKOFF MEETING



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The first event for 2017 that our wing participated in was not in the air, but as one of the presenters at the Missouri Aviation Historical Society's first monthly meeting of the year held the night of 19 January. We were represented by Wing Adjutant CAF Colonel Bob Moore, CAF Colonel Gerry Spavale and me. Also present were representatives of many aviation and historical organizations, both local and from as far away as Bonne Terre. Our host provided a congenial venue with a tasty assortment of complimentary sandwiches, chips and beverages. In attendance were approximately 75 presenters and Society members.

After an opening statement by Society president Dan O'Hara, the presentations began with Major Meier from Scott AFB announcing their June open house and air show celebrating the base's Centennial to be headlined by the USAF Thunderbirds. Other presenters included: our neighbors, EAA Chapter 32, the Historic Aircraft Restoration Museum, Greater St. Louis Air & Space Museum in Cahokia, IL, Museum of Transportation and the Saint Louis Science Center. Future plans for Lambert-St. Louis International airport were described and Spirit of St. Louis Airport Director of Aviation, John Bales informed us that unfortunately, the next air show to be held there is not planned until 2018. Educational outreach to area youth, promoting careers in aviation, was presented by the St. Louis Area Explorers. Paul Segura, Boeing's St. Louis Site History Council Leader, reminded us of the significant contributions to Aviation and the Space Program by St. Louis and in support of this, Earl Mullins of the Space Museum in Bonne Terre announced that the expansion of their facility, containing many Space Program exhibits, would be completed very soon.

Others present promoting their activities were: Arch Films, Sky Soldiers Demo Team and Warbird Rides USA.

Wing Adjutant CAF Colonel Bob Moore made a brief and informative presentation of our commitment to aviation preservation and education, as well as CAF programs currently active and in development. He ended by declaring "Better Together" as a unifying theme for the organizations. This struck a common cord as it was echoed by several of the presenters who followed him.

It was very encouraging to become aware of and be in the presence of so many local groups and individuals with the common interest of the preservation and promotion of Aviation History throughout the area and nation and look forward to any future opportunity to join with them toward this goal.

CAF Col. Joseph B. Vera Martinez



## A BIG THANK YOU!!

I would like to thank Col. Phil Bamberger and his Allen and Austin Transmission shops for saving and donating their used oil to us for the B-25 hangar oil furnace. They have donated many barrels of used oil that keeps us warm all winter. I would also like to thank Bud from Bud's Auto Service for his steady donations of used oil and to Col. Hubert Looney for helping me collect and store the oil year round so we have a plentiful supply all winter. Thank you all so much!

CAF Col. Tim Mohr



## A BIG THANKS

- Thanks again to Ben Hilderbrand for keeping the office bathroom in great shape.
- Thanks to Dan Bauer for keeping our meeting room clean, which he does between bus runs.
- Thanks to the museum crew for being the informative, friendly face of the Wing to visitors.
- Thanks to Bob Moore, and his crew/helpers, for all the hours scheduling and necessary paperwork required of LHFES.
- Thanks to Matt Conrad for all the time spent scheduling the airshows.
- Thanks to Pat Fenwick and his crew for keeping the B-25 in flying shape.
- Thanks to Dutch Meyerpeter and his crew for keeping the TBM in flying shape.
- Thanks to Special Project guys - Tacchi, Lammert, Marino, Schmied, Eberhardt, Walsh and all the others for always adding something new to the Wing.
- Thanks to all our pilots for flying the planes for all the events that bring in the majority of the Wing's revenue.
- Thanks to all the Wing members that spend so many hours putting together the Hangar Dance, and all the members, wives, and kids that work that night.
- Thanks for all the members and friends that donate thousands of dollars every year to keep us going.
- Thanks to Hubert Looney for doing a lot of everything, no matter what and no matter when.
- A big thanks to Bruce Arndt and his PX helpers that has resulted in a great year.
- Last, but not least, thanks to Bob Lawrence for a ton of time, money, and giving a long range view to the Wing.



## ENDOWMENT FUND AS OF 12/31/2016



After a very volatile 2015 stock market, in 2016 it was an excellent year. Our Endowment Fund had interest income of \$9,042. The market value gain was a great \$25,622. We had a member donate \$5,000. After some fees were deducted, the fund had a net increase in value of \$36,468, over a 9% increase. The total fund value as of 12/31/16 is **\$423,162**.

Since the Wing also a good Operating Profit for the year, we are in a very strong financial position.

CAF Col. Steve Gossett



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## JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017



New guard house and gate.

### COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE MISSOURI WING ST. CHARLES COUNTY - SMARTT FIELD



Front of the wooden hangar after updates.  
Just waiting for the signage.

The B-25 and TBM are both in the middle of their annual inspections getting ready for the airshow season.



- Dave Ceglinski (2) • Phil Bamberger (7) • Joe Bodziony (14)  
 Tom Wagoner (15) • Mike Koenig (15) • Wilbert Welsh (27) • Harold Moss (30)  
 Dale Heining (2) • Logan Doyle (4) • Allen Frazier (11) • Clyde Zellers (11)  
 David Thompsen (12) • Gary Streeter (21) • Mike McEntee (23) • Bill Wehmeier (23)

January Birthdays!

February Birthdays!

*Compass Deadline: Articles should be submitted by the 24th of the month.*